Project of Kamlia insect in Madhya Pradesh

†852. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the control of 'Kamlia' insect in certain districts of Madhya Pradesh has been pending before the Central Government;

(b) if so, the action being taken on the said proposal; and

(c) by when the said proposal is likely to be approved and the budget is sanctioned for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) A proposal for control of 'Kamlia' insect had been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The Government of Madhya Pradesh had been requested to clarify certain components of their proposal and also to recast the same as per the technical observations communicated to them. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has not, however, submitted their revised proposal accordingly. In any case, funds required for control of this pest have been provided for under the Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize and Macro Management Schemes of the Government of India which can be made use of by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Testing laboratories

853. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of input testing laboratories for pesticides, fertilizers, micronutrients working at present;

(b) the details of their locations;

(c) whether their number is sufficient to meet the requirements of the farmers; and

(d) if not, whether Government would allow establishment of more such laboratories in private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Lists of pesticide testing

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